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<p>In re. application of: Taisuke HIROOKA and Hironobu TSUBOTA</p> <p>Serial No.: unknown</p> <p>Filed: concurrently herewith</p> <p>For: SUBSTRATE FOR THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SUBSTRATE</p>	<p>International Application No.: PCT/JP2005/008792</p> <p>International Filing Date: May 13, 2005</p>
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application,  
Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following Amendment:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page        of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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